

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**The Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind Foundation, Inc. Meeting**  
**December, 2006**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Beth Cram, Paula Mason, Jeanne-Marie Kopecky,  
Misti Lockie, Janet Stout, Saunia Phillips, Mel Magnelli

**ABSENT:** Gloria Sanchez, Jeff Woods, Harv Lyter, Tom Jones

**GUESTS:** VI Students

**Minute Recorder:** Misti Lockie

Paula opened the meeting at 3:00pm.

Mel asked if we had received any direct donations because of the PSA; no donations have been sent in directly because of it, but we have heard of people seeing it.

Paula asked about calendars; some people have been asking her about them, and Beth suggested that if we do it, we should get them at the higher rate to obtain a smaller amount. That way the foundation could get reimbursed for ones that do not get sold. The discussion centered around the fact that we do not make enough on them to order ourselves, but that we could circulate the web address for those who would like to order their own. Jeanne-Marie said she would send out an email to Pat Muchow or ALL SCHOOL to give them the address.

Janet also mentioned there is a Braille calendar from APH available. We could check them out for next year possibly.

Paula moved to accept minutes with spelling changes. It was seconded.

Tom was sick and could not attend; he left the financials with Jeanne-Marie for us to review. There was a \$1000 donation from the Gibney Family Foundation. Also, Sam Lee donated \$3500. He was one of the pilots who participated in the program to give airplane rides to the ISDB students last year. A portion of his donation (\$500) went directly for a specific cause, the rest into the fund. Misti will send thank you's to both of these donators. We will also mention them in the Spring Optimist.

Gibney Family Foundation  
1233 Shelbourne Rd Ste 440  
South Burlington, VT 05403

Sam Lea  
PO Box 41  
Driggs ID 83422

Beth said she would send Misti a picture from her son to include with Sam Lee's thank you.

Paula said she had a fund request made in November, but there wasn't enough info. One of them was regarding the mapping. They are just asking for a one-time assistance, but we still don't have enough info on this request to discuss. Paula will follow up. Misti will assist if needed.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> funding request that Paula received also does not have enough info; it is regarding a signing class for a parent.

Saunia submitted her email to be included on the invite list: [pblessyou@aol.com](mailto:pblessyou@aol.com)

It was discussed we should check with Tom to make sure our 501(c)3 status is still in effect. Paula mentioned that every year we have an audit, therefore that may be our only requirement.

Paula and Misti discussed they will check with Heather and Butch Shields, Stefanie and Dustin Wells, as well as other roping contractors in the area regarding the Roping Fundraiser for Fall.

An early October date would be best if we could pick one then – hopefully can set a date by next meeting. Paula and Misti would check in with Don Gill to check on arena availability as well.

Beth also asked about college students perhaps wanting to participate in some sort of learning seminar at the ISDB to use as a senior project. For rodeo or any other item of interest.

The VI students arrived at 3:45. They were presenting the results of their project to us. The foundation helped to fund their pillow donations to the toy drive Nickel Toys for Girls and Boys.

The students were Jeremiah, Dani, and Shea. They shared that they enjoyed the project and enjoyed cutting out the pillows. In addition, it was challenging to match the ties. They shared that Donna Morton, the head of the toy drive, came to meet the VI students and talk about the toy drive.

The students presented the Board with a book of pictures and returned \$40.98 to the fund. They were able to save money on some items and therefore did not use all of their funding request. They made 15 pillows total.

It was discussed that Donna Morton mentioned this would be her last year producing the toy drive.

The meeting was motioned adjourned at 4:30 by Jeanne-Marie, Paula seconded.